

**September 24, 2010**

*One of Only Two New York Democrats to Receive the Award from the National Federation of Independent Businesses*

*Earlier This Year, Named Most Moderate, Centrist Member of Congress by National Journal*

**WASHINGTON, DC** - Today, The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's largest small-business group, named U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) a Guardian of Small Business for his outstanding voting record on behalf of Upstate New York's small-business owners in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

"The role of Government isn't to create jobs, but to create an economic climate where business and industry can grow and, in turn, create jobs," **said Arcuri**. "Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and we need to do everything possible to ensure their success-whether it's securing funding to build roads and sewers, doing expensive research and development, providing small-business lending, or passing tax cuts. I am honored to have received the Guardian of Small Business Award, and to continue fighting on behalf of small-business owners across Upstate New York."

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